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Emergency Funds Needed

National Switchboard May Be Forced to Shut

By Jim Marko

SAN FRANCISCO — The two month old Gay National Education Switchboard (GNES) is in deep financial trouble and may have to shut down shortly. The hotline service, the first and only one of its kind in the country, needs just over \$22,000 if it is to continue to exist after January 1.

David Palmer, the Project Director of the Switchboard, told GCN that the largest debts facing GNES are in the form of the telephone bills for the national WATS line. Palmer also noted that, "We don't have the rent for next month."

The project, which is handled by over 60 trained volunteers, has cutback its paid staff from seven people to four people. "The staff has not been paid for a week and a half now," Palmer said

An Ironic Reason

Palmer told GCN that the reason the

Switchboard is in such deep financial trouble is the recent successful defeat of the anti-gay school workers Proposition 6 in California. "It's ironic," he said, "but with the tremendous amount of money it took to defeat Proposition 6, funding was just drained."

"I'm certainly more than pleased about what happened, but the victory has caused our problem . . . Defeating Proposition 6 drained, for a very good reason, money we need to operate."

The long-term funding efforts by the Switchboard are in good shape with a chance for both government and foundation funding. But Palmer said there would be no continued track record to secure those funds, if the present emergency is not met.

Over 4000 Calls

Since its inception in early October, the toll-free number at the GNES has been called by over 4000 people from all over the country. The calls are taken by a staff professionally trained in the areas of communication skills and human sexuality.

Palmer said that many of the incoming calls are from rural areas "where people are in isolated areas — isolated geographically and socially."

"The impression the calls make from all around this country is amazing. We hear about not just problems in housing and job discrimination, but more personal problems. People tell us of peer pressure and rejection — rejections by family and friends and co-workers . . . We are making a case here [at the switchboard] for gay services in all local communities across the country," Palmer said. Personal Oppression

Palmer said the telephone service gives the trained personnel the chance to see the many problems of gay people and of straight people who are trying to come to terms with gay friends or family members. "What we see is a lot of personal oppression," Palmer said.

"All of us should think back and remember when we were struggling with the coming out experience. It wasn't easy getting in touch with gay feelings for the first time... one felt alone and isolated... going through emotional and personal, and sometime, physical trauma. That is something that should not have to happen and need not have to happen. We can begin, as a community, to take care of ourselves through things like the switchboard," Palmer said.

The Gay National Education Switchboard is open from 2 p.m. to midnight (local times) everyday. The toll-free telephone number is (800) 227-0888.

If you would like to send a donation, you can make a tax-deductible check payable to GNES, Box 3627, San Francisco, CA 94119.

Talking Politics: Commentary

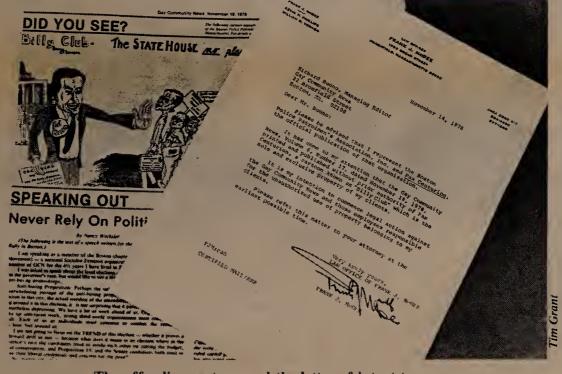
Police Union Threatens to Sue GCN

By David Brill

BOSTON — Electing Ed King wasn't enough for the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. Now the BPPA is striking back at the gay community for doing exactly what the organization wanted in the first place: giving the widest exposure possible to the views of the police union.

On Nov. 16, GCN received a certified letter from Frank J. McGee, attorney for the BPPA, threatening "legal action against the Gay Community News" for the publication of the cartoon, "Billy Club," which appeared on Page 5 of GCN's Nov. 18 issue. The cartoon depicted Gov. Elect Ed King defending the State House from a line led by GOP gubernatorial candidate Frank Hatch and Rep. Barney Frank. A "pimip," a "convict," an "abortionist," and a "gay man" holding a young boy by the hand were among those in the line.

McGee said the publication of the cartoon was "unauthorized" because it is the "sole and exclusive property" of the BPPA.



The offending cartoon and the letter of intent to sue

What McGee did not say is that he has wanted to sue GCN for at least two months because of the leading role

GCN played in the trial of two of his clients for assaulting three gay men. (His threats were first reported in the

Oct. 7 GCN.) McGee lost that case and his clients were subsequently suspended for three months by the police commissioner.

GCN has referred the matter to its attorney, John Ward, who is checking into whether the police union has a case or not. It should be noted that the cartoon was reproduced, untouched and with full attribution, in GCN's regular weekly "Did You See?" feature. Neither the cartoon nor the newspaper carried any statement of copyright.

Pax Centurion, however, never asks for permission when it reprints items from other newspapers. For example, it routinely lifts articles from the Boston Globe. In fact, the police newspaper has also reprinted GCN articles.

One such article, reprinted in full in the Dec. 1975 *Pax*, was entitled "Green Light for Gay Cops."

GCN never threatened any action against the BPPA for printing that article. But then again, GCN is run by gays. The BPPA is run by cops. They're much more sensitive.

Mass. Institute of Technology Responds to Efforts by Campus Group

CAMBRIDGE, MA — The administration at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has responded somewhat affirmatively to efforts by the campus gay organization to secure a written policy statement of non-discrimination against gay students, faculty members, and staff.

Gays at MIT (GAMIT) proposed the policy of non-discrimination in the areas of hiring, compensation, benefits, promotion, acceptance and termination for employees and students [See GCN, Vol. 6, No. 14]. The student group has been urging, through a letter writing campaign, a policy statement in writing.

In a letter to an MIT employee on the issue, John M. Wynne, Vice President for Administration and Personnel, said that the Institute would not change its written policy. Wynne wrote, "... the decision has been made to limit that general statement on non-discrimination to those classes of persons who have been explicitly afforded protection against discrimination under Federal law. We believe that, in the long run, to do otherwise would be to invite other groups to press for inclusion in that formal statement."

Vice President Wynne added, "This does not mean, however, that the Institute is prepared to tolerate or condone discrimination against individuals because of sexual orientation."

Wynne also referred to the November 1 issue of *Tech Talk*, the official organ of the Institute. In a column called "Employment Q & A," the Institute stated: "MIT's practice has been consistent with respect to stu-

dents, faculty and employees. Sexual orientation is not taken into account in admissions, employment, promotion, compensation or termination. Anyone who feels discriminated against for this reason should feel free to use the grievance procedure as described in *Policies and Procedures*, You and MIT, and other Institute publications."

Although GAMIT members welcomed the Institute's response, the group is continuing to urge that letters be sent requesting a change in the written policy

GAMIT spokesperson Eric Trefelner told GCN that Vice President Wynne has taken "an affirmative approach to the problem." "We should be wary, though," Trefelner added, "Wynne could be sidestepping the issue here ... after all, no one condones discrim-

ination anywhere. We can't expect the Institute to come out and say, 'Yes, we do discriminate'.''

Trefelner said that because of coming publication deadlines it is too late to affect any change in the written policy for the 1979 school year. He suggested that the Institute may have been "stalling somewhat on the issue." "I think most universities are afraid of taking any first step on most issues and MIT is no different," Trefelner said.

GAMIT is urging people to continue requesting a change in the written policy at the Institute.

Letters should be sent to Paul E. Grey, Chancellor, Room 3-208, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139 and to John Wynne, Vice President of Administration and Personnel, Room 7-203 at the Institute.

NEWS NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Brecht, whom I don't like that much, said that as long as one had to talk about homosexuality, it was a problem. It's normal to have homosexual relations. A human being can feel something only through feeling for his own sex. If you love a woman, you love that femininity which you love in yourself. I don't believe in the system of man as man and woman as woman. It's not like a casserole and a cover. The only communication between people occurs when they find something that echoes themselves, which is why I feel that all combinations are homosexual." — Film director Rainer Werner Fassbinder in the Boston Phoenix, Oct. 24.

POLICE OFFICER AWARDED

BOSTON — Officer Charles Dolan of District Four has been nominated for a departmental commendation for his quick thinking which led to two arrests in connection with the murder of a gay man on Nov. 10 [See GCN, last week]. District Four commander Capt. James M. McDonald told GCN last week that he submitted Officer Dolan's name to the Boston Police Awards Bureau in recognition of the officer's "superb work." "Had he not been so quick, those guys [the suspects] would have gotten away."

If the Awards Bureau, which consists of several representatives from the police administration, concurs with the nomination, Dolan will be presented with the award at the annual Police Awards Dinner next month.

CHICAGO VIOLATES LAW

CHICAGO — The city has been ordered to pay nearly \$3 million in damages to 225 women public work employees who charged the department with sex discrimination.

Federal District Judge John F. Grady ruled on a 1974 class action suit filed by the National Organization for Women. NOW charged that the women workers in the Chicago Dept. of Public Works were being disciminated against in pay and job classifications. After a three month trial, the judge ruled that the city was guilty of violating Federal civil rights laws.

The decision on awarding the damages was stayed by the judge, giving city attorneys time to appeal.

GAY TRADE UNION

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — The Gay Trade Union Group has recently been formed here after meetings at the Fourth National Homosexual Conference held this past summer. At its first meeting in September, the group proposed monthly meetings which "are open to any lesbian or male homosexual who is a member of their trade union."

The Trade Union Group reported that the New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties has voted unanimously to begin a survey of employers' and unions' attitudes towards gay workers. The group termed the decision "a significant move."

NO ON HANCOCK

NEW YORK — Lesbians Rising and Gay Men's Alliance issued a joint statement on Nov. 13 criticizing President Carter's consideration of W.R. Hancock, a current member and former chairperson of the Florida Citrus Commission, as a possible candidate for the post of deputy secretary of agriculture.

Citing the rise of anti-gay initiatives across the country and the defeat of a gay rights bill in New York City's General Welfare Committee on Nov. 8, the groups said "Hancock's appointment would give presidential approval to anti-gay bigotry and hatred, typified by Anita Bryant and the Florida Citrus Commission. We can not tolerate such an insult from the highest office of the land even as we are in the midst of national struggle to gain our basic civil rights. We may be an oppressed people, but we will not be forgotten." The groups said public demonstrations would serve to remind the Carter Administration of the existence of lesbians and gay men.

Lesbians Rising and Gay Men's Alliance urged other gay groups across the country to join with them in publicizing the possible selection of Hancock to fill the vacant post. A letter-writing campaign protesting Hancock's appointment is under vay to President Carter. Other groups and individuals are asked to support the campaign by sending letters to President Carter.

MAN-BOY LOVE CONFERENCE

BOSTON — This coming week the first conference of its kind will occur in Boston. "Man-Boy Love and the Age of Consent, An Invitational Workshop Conference" will be involved with a broad cross-section of gay and straight opinion. Although many such conferences have taken place in Europe, and although small groups have discussed the subject and printed newsletters in this country, this will be the first such conference in this country.

Organizers point out that the conference is not open to the public. Persons with a genuine and supportive interest in concerns related to man-boy relationships and the age of consent should call Dr. Tom Reeves at (617) 282-0074.

There will be three panels at the conference "Psychological Aspects of Man-Boy Love," "The Ethics and Politics of Man-Boy Love," and "Law Workshop: Age of Consent and Sexual Rights of Minors and Adults."

Each panel will include man-boy lovers, youth, and professional and laypersons from both the gay and straight communities. Men and women will participate.

COSTANZA'S FUTURE

BUFFALO, NY — Former White House aide Midge Costanza has confirmed that she is considering an offer to represent the Northeast with Federal agencies. It is reported that Costanza may accept an offer to join the administration of New York Governor Hugh Carey.

Costanza, who resigned her White House position on Aug. 1, said that Gov. Carey had "casually" mentioned a possible role as liaison between the Northeastern Governor's Conference and the Federal agencies. There has been no official offer and Costanza said that she has also received a number of other job offers from industry and television. She is also considering running for office.

TAX EXEMPT IN DENVER

DENVER, CO — The Denver-based Gay Community Center of Colorado, Inc., has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service only seven months after submission of the initial application. The status is based on the nonprofit Center's goals as an educational and counseling organization.

The Center was incorporated in November, 1976, as a nonprofit organization to "meet the needs of the gay community in a non-judgmental, non-threatening, and non-exclusionary manner" through direct counseling and broadly-based educational programs.

The Center in Denver is among the few openly gay or lesbian organizations in the country which have successfully obtained the IRS 501 (C)(3) status in recent years. The granting of the status indicates a reversal of the previous trend of the IRS to refuse this status or to place severe limitations on the activities of gay organizations.

The Gay Community Center of Colorado is located at 1436 Lafayette St., Denver, CO.

WANTON AND LASCIVIOUS

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has ruled that the provision of Sec. 53 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws concerning "wanton and lascivious persons in speech or behavior" is limited to "public conduct" in the same sense as the statute against "disorderly persons." In a unanimous opinion, written by Justice Robert Braucher, the SJC reversed the conviction of Robert W. Templeman under Sec. 53, but upheld his conviction under Sec. 16 of Ch. 272, "open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior."

Templeman had been accused of raping his 16-year old step-daughter in their home.

Section 53 "cannot apply to speech or expressive conduct or to activities which involve lawful exercise of a First Amendment right," the SJC said. "It can apply to sexual conduct, but if sexual acts for hire are not involved, there must be conduct that is 'public' in the same sense that is required by the 'disorderly persons' provision."

The precise value of the decision will have to be further tested in the courts, according to Boston attorney John Ward. The most immediate beneficial effects of it may emerge in rest-area entrapment cases in which plainclothes officers entice gay men into sexual conversations and then arrest them under Sec. 53. Such a case is scheduled next month in Middlesex Superior Court in Lowell involving two Westford police officers who used an 18-year old decoy to encourage a solicitation from a gay man in a rest area along Rte. 3 at 2:00 a.m.

A MAJOR GAY PARTY

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Officials of the Gay Survival Fund (GSF) have demanded that it be accorded the status of a "major political party" in Minnesota.

The organization informed the Secretary of State's office that its candidate for statewide office was "presented for election" within the meaning of the state's election laws. According to unofficial returns, the organization attracted more than a quarter million votes (22% of the votes cast) in its bid for a seat on the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

The organization contends that election laws state that minor parties receiving more than 5% of the total vote statewide automatically become a "Major Party."

BUUGL A YEAR OLD

BOSTON — Bob Wheatly has been re-elected as chairperson of the Boston Unitarian Universalist Gays and Lesbians (BUUGL) at the group's first anniversary meeting in early November. Carolyn Cronin was elected as co-chair of the group "emphasizing the group's desire to more prominently include lesbian needs and concerns in its plans and programs."

During its first year, BUUGL has acted as host to the Boston Gay Religious Coalition-sponsored Interfaith services at the Arlington Street Church. The group was also involved in Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1978, the Gay Youth Committee, and the September 1 Rally against the visit to Boston by Anita Bryant.

Meetings of BUUGL continue to be held at the Arlington Street Church at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening in the Clark Room.

ELI SIEGEL DIES

NEW YORK CITY — Eli Siegel, a poet and critic who founded a philosophy call Aesthetic Realism, died last week in the Greenwich Village home of a student.

Aesthetic Realism, which Siegel described as "the art of liking the world and oneself at the same time," had as one of its goals the conversion of gays to heterosexuality. The group claimed that since 1946, 126 men and women had "been changed from homosexuality."

Siegel's students said in a news release that he died "of a broken heart, having suffered for over 50 years from injustices of the press and literary world."

GAY BAR HIRING

TORONTO — In a union ruling in this Canadian city, a gay bar will not be allowed to hire only gay help. Local 280 of the Bartender's Union contended that the new owners of the bar, Katrina's, would be discriminating based on sexual preference if only gays were to be hired.

The management of the bar argued that its clientele would "feel more comfortable," with bartenders and waiters who were gay. The management told the Ontario Labor Relations Board that it was not bound by a collective bargaining agreement. That appeal was refused.

FUNDING STERILIZATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC — Regulations tightening standards for funding sterilizations for poor women were issued this past week by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The major change will be to require a 30 day waiting period instead of the current three days between the time a woman consents to be sterilized and the operation. The only exception will be in cases of premature delivery and emergency abdominal surgery.

NEW PAPER PUBLISHES

ST. PAUL, MN — The Northland Companion has become the first gay newspaper to be published in the Twin Cities area. The monthly paper, which staff members have said will be similar in format and content to Chicago's Gaylife, is being distributed not only in Minnesota but in Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, the Dakotas, and Canada.

The staff has said that the paper will not be a "sex or skin" publication but will focus on gay news. Staffers promise the paper will take a hardnews approach and look at gay issues which are not being covered by the straight media.

The Northland Companion is scheduled to publish the first Thursday of each month. The cover price of the publication is fifty cents, subscriptions cost \$6 a year. You can contact the Companion at 1850 East 38th St., Suite 69, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Women Injured and Arrested in London 'Reclaim the Night' Demo

LONDON — Sixteen women taking part in a "Reclaim the Night" march were arrested after a confrontation with police. According to London's Gay News, the march was being held by the ad hoc Reclaim the Night Committee in a demand for "the right to walk the streets alone at night."

Some 150 women turned up to protest what organizers said was the "fear of being assaulted or raped when walking alone or together at night." The march was just one event in a number of events planned by the committee.

Gay News reports that after a scuffle in a movie house in the Soho section of London, where the marchers were protesting movie advertising, police were called in

There were further confrontations and a number of incidents between police and the marchers. Reportedly police refused to allow the march to continue.

The 16 women arrested were charged with various violations including obstruction, threatening behavior, assaulting police and inflicting bodily



Police and women scuffle during demonstration.

At least five women were reportedly treated for minor injuries in a local hospital. All were treated for head injuries and released. Those arrested will appear in court in mid-January to

answer to the charges.

Reclaim the Night marches, or Take Back the Night marches as they are sometimes called, have become frequent forms of protest recently. The marches have been held in a number of cities, including Boston and New York.

On Aug. 26 in Boston, more than 2000 women marched through the streets to protest violence against women. Demonstrators came from all over New England and the Boston metropolitan area.

The march and rally in Boston [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 7] was organized by the Coalition to Take Back the Night. It involved a number of organizations dedicated to ending violence against

Although there were some reports of verbal harassment along the long march route during the Boston march, there were no confrontations or arrests.

This Saturday, Nov. 25, the Coalition to Take Back the Night and the organization Women Against Violence Against Women will hold a rally and march beginning on the steps of the State House in Boston at 12 noon. That demonstration will protest marketing campaigns which have become "increasingly sexist and abusive to women."

Security Clearance Maintained by Department of Defense Worker

WASHINGTON, DC — The Department of Defense is continuing its change in attitude toward gay workers in secret level security positions. For the second time this year, the department has allowed a gay worker to hold a security clearance. [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 9.1]

According to White Plains, N.Y. attorney Harris L. Kimball, a person's sexuality will no longer be an issue in working for the Department of Defense. Kimball, who defended the unnamed worker in this latest case, told GCN that there is now a "policy of determination... being gay is no longer a question as to the fitness to hold the job."

In the latest case, which Kimball conducted on behalf of the Westchester Civil Liberties Union, the gay worker admitted that he was gay and had used drugs. The client also testified, at his hearing before the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, that he would continue engaging in consensual sex activities with adult males and intended to continue his use of marijuana.

Critical to the case, according to attorney Kimball, was that the man admitted that he was "out" to both family and friends. "This is the major issue," Kimball said. "The person must be out... If you are asked if you are gay, the answer must be 'yes'...

honesty in these matters is essential."

In its summary of the gay worker's testimony, the hearing examiner at the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office stated that the client "currently engages in homosexual activities as an active and passive partner on a weekly basis . . . [and] claimed he would report any blackmail attempt because of his sexual preference."

The report by Col. Walter A. Cottrell recommended that the gay worker's actions are "indicative of his propensity to follow the dictates of his own conscience regardless of the possible consquences."

In a letter to attorney Kimball on

Oct. 18, Thomas C. Nugent. director of the Industrial Security Clearance Review, stated that on the basis of all available information, "it is clearly consistent with the national interest to continue clearance at the secret level..."

Despite this second decision by the Department of Defense to allow a gay worker to maintain security clearance, the Department still refers to homosexuality as a "sexual perversion." Attorney Kimball told GCN, however, that the latest decision shows a continuing change in attitude.

"We were out to change the way things are done, and we did it," Kimhall said

Hunter College Health Society Works on Special Needs of Gay People

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK CITY — The special needs of lesbians and gays in the areas of counseling and health care continue to be a major focus in creating a gay community that effectively serves these needs through its own alternative organizations.

Such a concern is shared by Joyce Hunter, a member of Lesbians Rising and a student at Manhattan's Hunter College where she has served as coordinator of the Student Health Society for the past 1½ years. Her field of concentration in the City University of New York Baccalaureate Program is health services and counseling and she applies her studies to everyday situations that arise in the course of working with the Health Society.

The Student Health Society was originally organized about five years ago with an emphasis on gay peer counseling and providing accurate information and referral services to lesbian and gay students. Students who use the free service do not have to give their names, and strict confidence is always maintained. Typical services range from offering V.D. information and referrals to providing "someone to talk to" about the difficulties of coming out and the sense of isolation that many young people experience.

Hunter said the society formed because, "The needs of gay students were not being met by the college. Gay students were being sent to Roosevelt Hospital or to the Bellevue Psychiatric Clinic where records were kept and they had to deal with homophobic counselors." The professional counselors on campus were "condescending, homophobic, or just plain couldn't deal with the problems of gay students."

Hunter stressed that "A major factor in providing effective service is a non-judgmental attitude, which is also non-racist and non-sexist, with an emphasis placed on firm support for lesbians and gays and a woman's right to free choice" regarding abortion.

Most of their medical referrals are to the Chelsea Clinic or to the St. Mark's Clinic. Other V.D. referrals are sent to the Gay Men's Health Project, located on Grove Street just off Sheridan Square. "I'm really glad they're available, otherwise there would just be no place to send people for their medical needs"

The society provides "a support system and it is a place for consciousness-raising." Hunter expressed "a lot of personal gratification in knowing we are providing a really good service," especially after she, herself, was in the closet for 13 years. "When I was young, there was nothing like this going on."

On Oct. 20, Joyce Hunter, along with Tony Amodia from Gay Men's Health Project, and Sally Raynor, a registered nurse in the graduate program at Bellevue, spoke at the Cornell Medical Center in a two-hour program for the School of Nursing students and their program directors.

In her talk, Hunter covered some of



Joyce Hunter

the basic problems in referring lesbians and gay students for medical treatment.

First, there are very few places where lesbians will be accommodated. Almost as a corollary to this is "the disrespect and discourteous treatment lesbians receive in the straight health care system."

Furthermore, "Doctors see lesbianism as the root of most medical and psychological problems. They don't look beyond the sexuality."

Money is another difficulty for students. Often, they are afraid to go to their parents for the money to afford proper medical care.

In the acute care setting, or intensive

care, a lesbian or gay is not allowed to visit a lover. Only "the immediate family" is permitted visits and the lover is excluded.

Instances where gays have actually received bad treatment as a result of homophobia have also been reported.

Hunter is currently involved with the Second National Gay Health Conference to be held at Hunter College on May 18-20, 1979. The conference is being co-sponsored by the Student Health Society and another member of the society, Caitlin Ryan, is coordinator of the conference. The theme is "Gay Health Care Ten Years After -Trying To Establish a National Gay Network of Health Care Professionals." Joyce Hunter is serving as chairperson of the Locations Committee and of the Workshop Review Committee. As many as 1000 people are expected to attend.

Women members of the Student Health Society, Hunter said, also "plan to develop a proposal and secure funding for a Women's Health Care Clinic here in New York. It will have a different approach from other women's clinics. It will be oriented toward low-cost preventive health care, including adequate counseling for women's physical and emotional needs. We also plan to give instructional courses in related areas for selfhelp, maintenance and growth." Hunter said the clinic plans "to use nurse clinicians and practitioners" in emphasizing preventive care and self-

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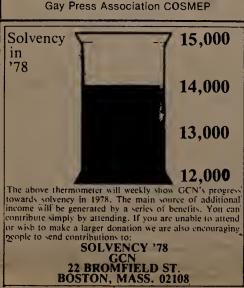
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Statement of Intent: Boston Gay Community Racism Task Force

By G. Leonard Pate

"RACISTS OF AMERIKA! BIG BROTHER IS NOT WATCHING YOU! Why should he? You are one of his most effective tools. Ignorance, the base of all fear is the pablum on which you feed and lactates the nipple of hatred from which you suck your prejudicial poisons along with your sisters and brothers-sexism; classism; homophobia et al. This outrage cannot continue! We will unite! We will defeat your purpose! We shall overcome!"

Such is the rhetoric that I have been subjected to from time to time since becoming seriously involved in gay politics. Especially once somebody notices that I happen to be a negro. Such passionate lip service was at once amusing and disheartening seeing as how, in most cases, not much was ever actually done. While it is true, at least as of this writing, that gay whites, blacks, reds, browns and yellows aren't attacking each other in the streets, bars or bushes, a definite problem does exist. For evidence visit any of several local bars and other gay organizations. Tom Reeves (see GCN Vol. 6, No. 16) could not stands ready to help if needed.

have described the situation any better than when he spoke of "Boston's boring whiteness."

Now something is being done. If you have a complaint, a suggestion, or wish to report discriminatory incidents, simply get your act together, call GCN at 426-4469 during business hours or 864-0320 evenings and weekends, and someone will be happy to take the information. All personal information is held in the strictest confidence (bar personnel take note). Violations will be investigated and all findings will be published periodically in GCN.

And that ain't all . . . Anyone interested in working with the task force may contact me at either of the numbers listed above. There's plenty to do (collecting data, composing reports, etc.). Businesspersons wishing to clarify possible misconceptions are encouraged to call also.

Our community now has a potentially effective tool which, like most tools, is effective only if implemented. RTF

GCN Board of Directors Endorsement

The GCN Board of Directors endorses the formation of the Racism Task Force and supports its intent to examine attitudes and monitor incidents of racial discrimination in the gay

Political leaders in the black and hispanic communities have consistently supported the efforts to obtain homosexual civil rights, yet black and hispanic gays are conspicuously absent from Boston's gay political arena. The gay rage of faggots and lesbians of color is a resource whose strength we cannot afford to ignore nor fail to encourage. Neither can we selfishly encourage black and hispanic participation merely to legitimize the (largely) white gay political and cultural life by presenting the illusion of broad-based support.

Gay men and lesbians of color seem to know better than to join the white main stream of the gay liberation effort; for often when they do and they attempt to explore racism with

their white sisters and brothers, they are fed a line which implicitly means, "We don't want to hear about it." Men and women confronting racism are told that racism does not exist or is restricted to the bar crowd, or they are told that racism is another issue - separate and equal in importance, but not integrally related to gay opporession — so it is counter-productive to "create" a racial minority within an already small and hard-pressed sexual minority.

White and black racism exists in Boston. Ignoring racism or pretending that it isn't our problem prevents the gay movement from fully participating in strong multi-issue coalitions because it excludes men and women whose primary oppression is racial and economic.

We face one oppression and must begin to put our house in order so that the gay movement can be a mature partner in coalitions fighting that oppression.

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let's not fiddle while boston burns

To the Editor:

Last weekend, two members of the North Shore Gay Alliance visited nine Boston gay bars for the purpose of distributing literature concerning the Nov. 7 election. Members of the community may be interested in the responses we received.

At the first bar, an attractive, fairly new disco, we were asked not to distribute the literature because "it might interfere with the patrons" having a good time." (We had said that we were interested in handing the literature out only to those who were not on the dance floor.) We were quite taken aback at this response. Lesbians and gay men have lots of opportunities to "have a good time" in Boston. Bars are open at least 360 nights a year. It seems a small request for us to devote five minutes out of the year to issues that go beyond laughing, dancing, and drinking. Indeed, it's probably not too much to say that the election just held might very well have some influence on how much "fun-making" we'll be able to do in the next four years.

At another bar, we were allowed to distribute our flyers. This time, it was the response of patrons that amazed us. Anger, fear, hostility, withdrawal, belligerence . . . these were the norm. Unspoken was the feeling that we had no right to be imposing on the security and sanctity of the gay bar with unpleasant memories of some real issues in the outside world.

We do not mean to preach against having a good time. Some of the parties in our area, in fact, have attained a certain notoriety that would argue against such a belief., Neither do we say that there was no one who received our flyer with warmth and interest. But the extent to which gay people turned away a chance to learn even the smallest amount of information about an important election is discouraging.

We don't have any recommendations for getting sisters and brothers aroused. We don't even think we're speaking to those who ought to be hearing this story. But it was an experience that should not go by without some public record being made.

David E. Newton Beverly, MA

you can be proud

Once again people in Massachusetts have shown that they can be counted on to fight bigotry wherever it occurs. With your help, we were able to send \$2,600 to the NO ON PROPOSI-TION SIX COMMITTEE in California to stop passage of the Briggs Initiative. On November 7, election day, the Briggs Initiative was defeated by an overwhelming majority; you can be proud that you played a part in making this happen.

The brunch-auction held at "Somewhere" on Sunday, October 29th, was very successful. Our guest speakers, Lenny Matlovich and Charlotte Bunch, drew a large audience and bidding was lively on auctioned items. Over \$1,100 was raised during the event.

We greatly appreciate your contribution in making this event and the entire effort such a success. We are very proud of the support demonstrated by the Boston community and hope it is the beginning of a cooperative spirit that will result in many future victories, in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Judy Arnold Chair Lesbian Task Force of NOW Boston, MA

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praise and thanks

I would like to express the appreciation of many in Western Massachusetts for the efforts of he 75 or so demonstrators who gave of their Ime and energy to protest the recent State Police raids on a south-bound rest area in Holyoke on Interstate 91. Within a week of the 16 arrests here, numerous previously uninvolved citizens gathered together through the umbrella "PGA" (People's Gay Alliance) in Amherst, to protest privately and en masse, the behavior of the plainclothes state police, and the charges lodged against the 16.

Representatives from several cities in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, as well as numerous representatives of local organizations, and private citizens, gathered last Saturday on a bluff above the scene of the recent arrests to publicize their individual and collective outrage. The demonstration was "well" covered by the media, several local T.V. and radio stations carried reports of the event and interviews with spokespersons for the group.

Of special interest to many of us, was the major role the Amherst PGA played, simply by providing a forum for local citizens, collegiate or not, to contribute and be heard. Beyond that, the local organization should be rightfully proud of leaders who were as concerned with the views of their peers, as they were of their own, and who were able to encourage meetings of a diverse section of people to take individual leadership in areas which interested those individuals, while helping the cause. In particular; Paul Ammato, and Paul Goselin; we are in your debt.

A further word needs to be said in praise of Atty. John Ward of Boston, who on a weeknight, came out to Western Massachusetts to address a group of us interested in better understanding the charges against the 16, and how we could help. We were a diverse group, disorganized, meeting late in the evening, and his presence was a definite plus for our group, surely an inspiration. Our unstructured agenda that evening made for a very long night indeed for John Ward, who had later to make the two hour trip to Boston.

In response to our requests, Atty. Ward provided us with information from his experience with such cases, even to the extent of sharing trial motions in which he had been successful in parallel cases, without charge. His dedication to our collective cause is unquestioned, and we in Western Massachusetts wish to publicize our collective thanks and commitment to return the help should we be needed, and somehow useful.

With thanks, Sincerely,

Court Prentice Amherst, MA

SPEAKING OUT

The Teaching Profession

By Jim Hasken, Baltimore Gay Alliance

In the wake of the recent pronouncement of the Baltimore Community Relations Commission in favor of civil rights for gays, we can expect to hear a lot of talk about gays in the teaching profession. The standard argument of those defending the right of gays to teach will be that gays are less likely to molest children than are heterosexuals, that there are now thousands of gay teachers at work, minding their own business and doing as good a job as their heterosexual coworkers.

Not true. It can be proven, by historical data and contemporary analysis, that gays have superior qualifications for teaching. These qualifications come from one simple fact: most gay people do not have children of their own.

It is only quite recently that being married has not been seen as a flaw in a teacher's qualifications. In the "good old days" of education, the spinster schoolmarm and bachelor schoolmaster were the rule. Parents realized that since these teachers had no children of their own, they would be more likely to assume an almost parental concern for their students. We remember that period as the one

COMMUNITY VOICES cont.

cover your roots

Dear GCN,

Well, the results are in as you well know. Somehow gay people across the city and state managed to pull together, despite class, race, and political differences, and successfully defeated Prop. 6. With all the celebratin' last Tuesday not too many folks noticed that an expansion of the death penalty (Prop. 7) authored by the same Sen. Briggs of Prop. 6 fame, was passed by an incredible 75%.

Mira jothas! When we gonna learn? Gay people and third world people are all minority people. An attack on one group is an attack on all of us. When the gay community starts being supportive of efforts within third world communities, instead of ignoring us then we will truly have an end to all efforts like the Briggs Initiatives.

There is a myth here in San Francisco, as well as in Boston and other major cities, that the gay community is all white. Folks here are jus' learnin' that we are more than Levis and T-shirts or Pierre Cardin anything; that quite a few of us stay home on Sat. nite cause home ain't nothin'

but a party; that there are even more than a handful who'd pass up Lorraine's quiche in a minute for unos chicken mole burritos con salsa y chiles. But the only way they learnin' is because we are putting ourselves out there.

Our work around the Briggs Initiatives (6&7) provided us with the perfect chance to put ourselves on the streets in our own neighborhoods. We were a little nervous about sitting behind a banner that said "gay" in big red letters, but when we answered folks questions in their own tonguc (sometimes Spanish, sometimes 'niggonese') they offered up their support right quick! When we took our posters into rib shacks and beauty salons we often got a 'right on!' before we even said a word.

The fight here in California was just a battle in an effort that's happening throughout the country. We won because the effort was made through the whole community. So when the battle comes home, be sure to cover your roots!

> Brian Freeman No on 6 & 7 Committee Third World Gay Caucus San Francisco, CA

in which "teachers really cared," not as a time of free-wheeling child molestation. But simply on the basis of statistics, we know that a large proportion of those unmarried teachers must have been homosexual.

Single teachers also simply have more time for their students. A gay teacher with a lover has more potential free time than a married teacher with even one child. Time for field trips, directing plays, sponsoring clubs, or giving special help to a student who is having trouble. In the present day, when cutbacks make it impossible to have a paid band director, the gay person becomes an especially valuable asset to a school's staff.

So our aim should be not just to get Mr. and Mrs. Jones to admit a gay teacher probably wouldn't rape little Suzie or Jim, but also to see that by driving gays out of the educational system, they are hurting their children's education. In my high school, the most popular teacher was one who was quite openly gay, although he never discussed his private life with students. My class dedicated its yearbook to him, saying: "He has given us his time, his ideas, and his honest concern. He has been our teacher and will always be our friend."

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DID YOU SEE?

The following editorial appeared in The New York Times on Friday, Nov. 10. It was headlined, "Bringing Rights Out of the Closet.'

For the fourth time in seven years, a bill to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing and public accommodations has been defeated in the New York City Council. The latest version was voted down Wednesday by the Council's General Welfare Committee despite a strong plea for it by Mayor Koch.

The result was not surprising. Similar measures have been defeated in other cities since Anita Bryant's successful campaign against homosexuals in Miami. In New York, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and some religious groups offered strong opposition.

A happier result came Tuesday in the nation's first statewide vote on homosexual rights, or lack of them. Californians rejected a proposition that would have permitted school boards to fire or refuse to hire anyone who engages in "homosexual conduct," broadly defined as the "advocating, soliciting,

imposing, encouraging or promoting of public or private homosexual activity." It affronted a teacher's freedom of speech, as well as the right to be judged on his or her competence, and was opposed by Gov. Jerry Brown, former Gov. Ronald Reagan and President Carter.

If there is a lesson to be drawn from the propositions put forth in California and elsewhere, it is that most Americans have no wish to oppress homosexuals, but many are uneasy about explicitly guaranteeing them rights, particularly in the classroom.

In part, this may be due to a misconception about the people who are homosexual. So a recent public television program, "Word is Out," which permitted a score of such people to talk frankly about their lives, was particularly welcome. Although the producers were not always subtle in making their case, the experiences recounted by several of these men and women were truly moving, bringing home the painful choices they face in seeking satisfactions that most of us take for

The causes of homosexuality are far from clear, but it is only too clear that a substantial number of Americans have been compelled for years to hide their deepest feelings for fear of losing a job or even a place to live. It is no endorsement of homosexuality to hold

that they deserve protection against senseless and cruel discrimination. As long as people keep the peace and pay the rent, they should be able to live where they like. As long as they do their jobs satisfactorily, they should be left to do them without harassment.

The following "Insider Report" appeared in New Times Magazine, Oct. 30, 1978.

Football, America's violent, macho pastime, is actually "a form of homosexual behavior," according to a Berkeley anthropologist.

All that brutality on the gridiron, explains Alan Dundes of the University of California in a recent study, is just part of an "adolescent initiation ritual" in which teams play out gay fantasies by trying to "cream" the opposition. "The game," Dundes says, "is a way of allowing us to have physical contact with other men."

Dundes bases his theory on the "sexually suggestive" language used to des-America's most

spectator sport. Each team, he notes, tries to "penetrate" the opponent's "middle" by "opening up a hole" or "making a pass." The goal, of course, is "to score" by "going all the way" into the "endzone."

Berkeley football coach Roger Theder doesn't agree. "He's just twisting football terminology around to fit his own needs — you could do the same thing with softball. I think it's totally ridiculous," says Theder of the anthropologist's theory.

"The truth hurts, and I think I've struck a nerve," retorts Dundes. "Face it, there's got to be more to football than a nice way to spend a Saturday afternoon — 80,000 people don't turn out for roller derby."

-Ray Riegert

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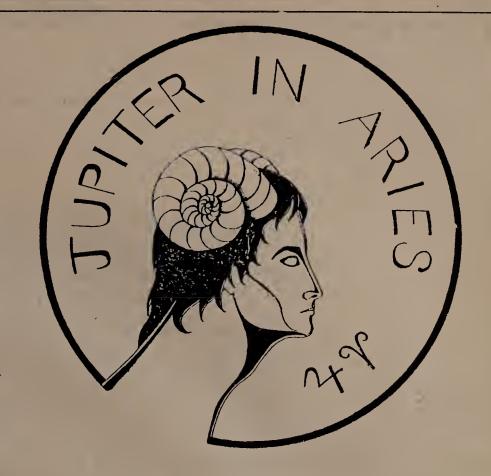


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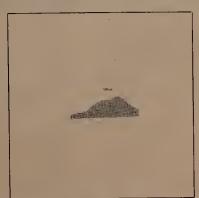
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Keep Your Law

I couldn't hustle if I were straight. How could I say, "This is my old man, this is a trick"? Women are my personal life, and men are business.

By Rachel Weil

I should confess that I had absolutely no idea what to expect when I set out to interview a group of prostitutes who are lesbians. The feminist theoreticians to whom I considered myself heir and disciple turned out to be somewhat confused on the subject. I gathered that, as the saying goes, "We are all prostitutes," that to join hands in holy wedlock and to turn a trick were roughly the same thing, and so forth. I thought the military-industrial complex might fit in somewhere. My upbringing as a nice Jewish girl did not give me much insight into the prostitute's experience. So I went into the interview with certain preconceptions. I wanted to know, for example, whether the women I was speaking to hated men, whether they felt like sexual objects, whether they thought they were supporting the patriarchy, whether they had become lesbians as a reaction to their experiences as prostitutes.

What I found out was enough to open my eyes in several ways. I began to realize many things about my preconceptions and how they were formed. What emerged for me was a new way of thinking which raised such issues as the relationship between prostitution and gay rights, the nature of money and power in this society, and society's attitude towards women and our sexuality.

It is undoubtedly true that prostitution is the outgrowth of a patriarchal society. The sex roles for which we are all socialized place women in the position of sexual objects, and legitimize the forms of male sexual behavior that treat us as such. The lack of economic alternatives open to women make prostitution an attractive option when compared to secretarial work, marriage, and other forms of economic survival. What is even more interesting, however, is that the same society that creates prostitution also oppresses the individual prostitute. The legal system condemns the woman as a criminal but allows her male customer to go free. Psychologists label the hooker as a "deviant," but the john's behavior as a normal expression of male sexual drives. As Jennifer James of the University of Washington has pointed out, the institutional treatment of the prostitute is paralleled by the traditional legal and judicial harassment of rape victims. In both cases it is female sexuality which is put on trial, since women's mere existence as sexual beings is assumed to be deviant.

The condemnation of the prostitute by society is of particular interest to us in the gay rights movement. Homosexuals and prostitutes pose the same threat to "straight" society. Because we do not fall into the pattern of getting married and having children, we are defined as abnormal and perverse. It is worth pointing out that just as the first "comprehensive" research on homosexuality was performed by psychiatrists on their gay patients, most

studies of prostitution have been based on the same group of subjects — psychiatric patients. The psychiatrists conclude, not surprisingly, that these clients are mentally disturbed. If the right to control our own bodies is the issue, we are all in the same boat.

It was necessary for me in thinking about prostitution to learn to separate what is inherent in the act of turning a trick from the social circumstances surrounding that act. That the women I spoke with did not have miserable lives and did not regret their choice of profession initially surprised me a great deal. The stereotype of the prostitute as a junkie beaten by her pimp, hounded by the police, and raped by her clients is a pervasive one. It is also, I think, a dangerous one. I do not claim that all prostitutes lead happy lives. There are women who conform to the common stereotype, but it is important to recognize that their problems stem as much from racism, poverty, and the illegality of prostitution (which not only forces the prostitute to associate with criminals but also makes it impossible for her to obtain even the minimal police protection available to non-prostitute women) as from prostitution itself. To attribute automatically the suffering of the prostitutes to prostitution itself is to ignore these issues of poverty, racism, and sexism. As long as we cling to traditional stereotypes of hookers, we will be unable to recognize our com-

The final questions that were raised for me after talking to the prostitutes had to do with feminism and morality. Could I as a feminist accept the idea of selling one's body for money? Did this act represent a capitulation to patriarchy? I came to no concrete conclusions, other than that most of us have to earn a living in some way, and unless we are extremely fortunate, we depend on the capitalist-patriarchal structure for our economic survival. What was most significant for me was not how the money was made but what was being done with it: the women I spoke with, as lesbians and politically aware

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might also disappear, but the reverse does not necessarily follow. In fact, working to decriminalize prostitution in itself represents a significant challenge to "straight" society. Decriminalization demands that society confront its double standard and its attitude towards women's sexuality. I therefore find that the only viable moral political stance open to me is to support such organizations as PUMA

When I met women, the conversation would go "How are you," "Where are you from," etc., and then they'd ask, "What do you do?" I'd tell them what I did, and they'd say "It was nice knowing you"... If I ever get involved again, it will be with a hooker or an exhooker.

human beings, were turning their money and energy towards other women. They have evolved alternative structures, such as collectives, in which to care for themselves and their children, and are making positive contributions in terms of time, money, and energy to the women's community in Boston. Furthermore, I feel that the argument that prostitutes support the patriarchy is based on false logic. If patriarchy were eliminated, then prostitution, and the need for prostitution,

(Prostitute's Union of Massachusetts), and COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics — the national prostitutes' union) in their fight for decriminalization and to refrain from moral judgments that will only add another layer of oppression to the load that the prostitute already carries from society at large.

GCN: How did you get into prostitution?

Carolyn: I grew up in a low-income project, so there were a lot of women

who were hustling, who were my friends. They were extremely feminine women, and I was sort of tomboyish. I never thought I would be feminine enough to be a prostitute like them, but I always respected them. I worked in factories when I was a teenager (I quit high school) and I had always wished I could be a prostitute instead because it would have been much easier.

The woman who brought me out was a lesbian prostitute. During the time we were together, she showed me how to be a prostitute. After we broke up I met another woman and taught her how. We went out and turned tricks together. We made more money doing it together, and we were able to be together quantitatively instead of being separated during the periods of time when we were working.

Gayle: I stripped for about two years and never turned a trick. You get offers all the time in the strip bars, and I knew women who were turning tricks on the side, but I always thought it was the one thing I would never do. After a while I just started thinking. The money that I was being offered was adding up to a lot, and it was a lot less work. Stripping is hard work physically, and I started thinking, "This is ridiculous, why don't you do it?" But it took me a long time before I turned my first trick.

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The stereotypical vision is a black woman, generally a junkie, who has a pimp completely in control of her, a complete victim. That's true of a very, very small minority.



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GCN: What did you consider when you were trying to decide whether or

Gayle: The main thing was how it was going to fuck up my personal life. It fucked it up much worse than I could have ever imagined. I've been through a lot of bullshit with different women I've been involved with. I had been with a woman for two and a half years, and she could not deal with my hustling. She dealt with the fact that I was stripping, finally — for a long time she couldn't deal with that — and then she just couldn't deal with the hustling and more or less beat me up and threw me out over that.

Then I wasn't with anyone for nine and a half months. When I met women the conversation would go: "How are you," "Where are you from," etc., and then they'd ask, "What do you do?" I'd tell them what I did, and they'd say, "It was nice knowing you." ... It was going like that and I could just not deal with the bullshit.

If I ever get involved again, it will be with a hooker or an ex-hooker.

GCN: How do you feel personally about sleeping with men for money? Did it ever bother you?

Gayle: It's a job, like anything else. I tune it out, think about something else. I couldn't hustle if I were straight. How could I say, "This is my old man, this is a trick"? Women are my personal life, and men are business.

Carolyn: Men have the money and women don't, and when I deal with men on almost any level they're my employer. Even if I have a "straight" job, they are usually the people that have the power. As a trick they're the ones who pay. I have a sort of respect for them because they do have the money, and I want that.

at a time like a secretary, and I don't have to devote my whole life to them like a wife or mistress. I've worked office and store jobs - you're lucky if you take home \$100 a week.

Carolyn: When I started hustling I had a child and I couldn't get on welfare. Prostitution allowed me to support my child and put myself through college, and not have to work my ass off. It was a way for me to attain a kind of mobility that I had not been able to attain otherwise.

GCN: What's the major difference between being a lesbian prostitute and being a heterosexual one?

Carolyn: Not having the need to depend on a pimp to keep you on the street, to fight your battles, to help you get tricks, to bail you out. Instead you depend on other women for that. Just a couple of phone calls and you get three or four other women there to help. This way you don't have to get beaten up so much, or put up with as much harassment, as I see in women who do not have other women to

I don't think it would be a good thing to put down the prostitute-pimp relationship, but as an alternative I feel a lesbian relationship is better for me. I think the most ideal situation is to live in a collective with other lesbian prostitutes, to exchange child care and tricks, to go to the hospital with each other when you have VD, or to help each other when you get arrested.

GCN: Could you tell me about the collective of prostitutes?

Carolyn: The collective stayed together for a year and a half. There were four of us. We lived together, all turning Chinese tricks, all learning Chinese . . .

When we got arrested, the police would make us put our hands up and they would frisk us, but all they found was stuff like Chinese dictionaries. So we would say that we were teaching Chinese people English, and they were teaching us Chinese, and that's what we were doing in Chinatown.

We all pooled our money. Sometimes, we would go out with nothing gether. GCN: Do you want to talk about the

fire escape. We all fought them off to-

reaction you've gotten from the lesbian

Carolyn: It's hard when you're around other lesbians who do not support what you're doing, because you can't depend on them as sisters. If you get in trouble, who are you going to tell? You can't go to the cops, you can't go to your friends, you can't go to your parents. You're all alone, unless you can organize some kind of support system among yourselves to protect yourself.

As women we should support each other rather than trash each other or put each other down, no matter what we do, as long as we don't work for the FBI or something. People involve their morals and upbringing, the same way as straight people do about homosexuals, and it hurts because it comes from people we feel should be supporting us rather than oppressing us.

I've had personal friends get turned off by it, and I've read in feminist literature, such as Susan Brownmiller's book, Against Our Will, that prostitutes cause rape, that if there were no prostitution there would be no rape, that prostitutes are the sewers of capitalism, etc. There are different attitudes in the feminist community, and in the Left community, that have been really oppressive to women, especially poor women who need to do it to get

I think there has to be a lot of work done in the feminist and in the gay community about prostitution and about other things like racism. A lot of the attitude is that the typical prostitute is a black woman hustling in the Zone.

Gayle: The stereotypical vision is a black woman, generally a junkie, who has a pimp completely in control of her, a complete victim. That's true of a very, very small minority.

Carolyn: Some of their attitudes about prostitution are evolved from their racist attitudes about society as a whole, about what it means and why it is done, without taking into consideration the other factors that are involved

Gayle: There are people in the gay community who insist I must be bisexual. But I'm not bisexual. I fuck men for money, but in my personal life I'm gay and that's it. There are people who probably consider me less politically valid, who are doing a "gayer-thanthou" trip.

Carolyn: Supposedly political people make moralistic judgments about whether it's right or wrong, when what they should be thinking about is why we are being arrested for doing what we want with our bodies.

Gayle: Like the button says, "Keep your laws off my body." That's true whether we're talking about abortion reform, birth control availability to minors, gay legislation, or decriminalization of prostitution. A person should be free to do what they want with their body.

I think the most ideal situation is to live in a collective with other lesbian prostitutes, to exchange child care and tricks, to go to the hospital with each other when you have VD, or to help each other when you get arrested.

Gayle: In this society money is power. Men have money, therefore men have power, and in order to get a piece of that power you have to be associated with a man in some way, whether it's by being the wife behind the scenes, or a mistress, or whether it's by being a secretary and kissing ass. I see the best alternative of all as being a hooker. That way I can go home to my own personal life after I'm done taking the money from them. I don't have to deal with them for eight hours on but a raincoat, turn five or six tricks, and jump back into the sportscar and go home. We got involved in the Chinese community, which was really good.

One time we were attacked by a group of young Chinese-Americans. My lover got her head split open and still has the scars. Anyway, they found out where we live and came to our house. We boiled a big pot of wine we all pissed in this pot — and dumped it on their heads when they came up the

Men Connect in Conn.

By Ray David Teeters

A men's conference, "Beyond the Male Myth," was held Saturday, Nov. 4 at the University of Hartford, Conn. Sponsored by Hill Center, Inc., the conference was to provide for a neighborhood need, that of men identifying and sharing openly with each other. But this "neighborhood," as represented by actual participants in the conference, extended beyond the Asylum Hill section of Hartford, well in to New York City and Boston. Participants expressed their reasons for attending in different ways, but most added up to: "I want to do the forbidden. I want to talk to men about my life and hear about other men's lives. I want to laugh and share and be myself with other men." Vague but powerful needs, they broke down some of the usually accepted boundaries between gay and non-gay men.

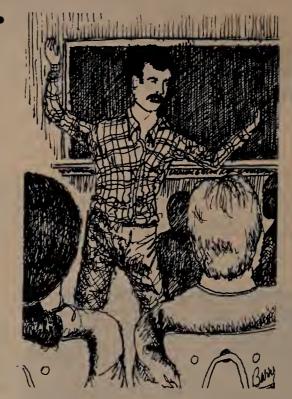
The day started with quick introductions from, among others, Bob Wilson, the head of the conference steering committee, and Ken South, executive director of the Hill Center. They were smiling, friendly, low-key speakers. The participants, numbering about 100, had managed to distribute themselves throughout the large auditorium, maintaining plenty of space between each other. (So like men to keep each other away.)

Our day, we were told, was to include rap groups, lunch, a movie ("Men's Lives"), a skit ("Adam and Even''), two workshops lasting two hours each, outdoor games and dinner. Workshops were titled: Men and Rape Culture; Beyond Buddies; Men in Divorce/Separation; For Gay Men: Beyond Coming Out; Men and Women: Changing Roles; Beyond

Masculinity/Femininity; Gay/Straight/ Bi; On Being a Father; The Women's Movement and Us; Passages: 30, 40, 50, 60+; Men's Sexuality. I chose to attend the two gay workshops.

After the opening remarks, we trailed up the stairs to our rap rooms — silent, separate, heads down — as if in a funeral cortege. About ten of us gathered in the room. As we talked, the rigidity lessened, smiles appeared along with admitted weaknesses, listening became more intense. We began to talk of what society demands of us, its insistent division of sexuality and sensuality. People spoke of distant fathers and loving fathers, sad and happy childhoods. They displayed their need to touch on this soothing emotional stage. Men spoke of the support they felt (after one-half hour?) and lapsed into the language of such conferences, speaking of head trips and spaces and imaging and resonation. These men felt nurtured by being together, however, I, in the midst of them, felt nothing.

Both workshops and gay issues derailed on the same curves: categorization of people according to their sexuality and lack of clarity about the intent of the workshop. In the first, "Beyond Coming Out," we were encouraged to analyze our friends, family, etc., according to sexual categories. This activity did not make sense to me and I could not do it. Others also had trouble with it and chose instead to make general comments. Some said they liked the "low-key" approach of this conference as opposed to last year's. A couple of vociferous others condemned, in a few clean, self-righteous chops, the bars, cruising, camp, and gay subculture. This negativity disturbs me greatly.



The workshop second ("Gay/Straight/Bi") began with intense hostility toward an exercise about categories. A sub-group redirected the workshop to encourage all to speak of themselves. The session, needed by some in the group, dwelled on the judgments they felt that love is good and sex is bad. It was not particularly relevant to me.

Between workships, I participated in "new games for men." At first I was hesitant to join because I felt withdrawn, angry and hurt about the negativity of the first workshop. But the leaders of the games were smiling and happy and drew me in. I dropped my hesitation and enjoyed running, tagging, jumping, hugging, trusting, shouting and laughing.

After the second workshop came dinner, the "peasant's meal." Long tables were covered with food: broiled chicken, fresh vegetables and fruits,

mushrooms, cheese, wine, coke and bread. Instructions: no talking; eat with your hands; never feed yourself. Feeding others, making our desires known and getting them filled, was a lark: embarrassing, fun, uplifting and revealing. My stomach did not appreciate mixing cookies, broccoli, mushrooms and wine and, since my peanut butter lunch had long ago been digested, the wine had an extra penetrating effect. The dinner was so much fun, I think, because it was so spontaneous. Also, we were hungry.

I spoke to some men afterward to find out their responses to the day. Most felt uplifted. They felt great and wanted to go out and celebrate. I felt disturbed and alone, certainly not uplifted. For me, the conference seemed like a pill — take one with a little alcohol and feel great. But I ask, "What do they do when the glow wears off?" We were offered refreshment, but no tools to use to get more our-

selves.

Many of us have passed through the initial phases of owning up to ourselves, of opening up and enjoying the catharsis of sharing. After this necessary, emotional experience, we need to develop guides for using our newfound energies and resources. Since the workshops I attended often centered on the negative aspects of being male — and being gay — the conference offered me no help in using and developing my manhood constructively in my life.

Some believe it is necessary to slap the newborn into life. But no one believes a baby is capable of functioning alone after its initial gasp. This conference, like others I have attended, slapped many men into life. But it did not offer the nurturance those men needed to maintain and further that new life in other circumstances.





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Legalities is a new bi-monthly column which will discuss legal issues that gay people face.

By Arthur H. Goldsmith and Robert W. Snyder

"Whoever commits any unnatural and lascivious act with another person shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or in jail or the house of correction for not more than two and one half years."

—Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 272, Section 35.

In 1887, the Massachusetts General Court made it a crime to commit an unnatural and lascivious act. Whatever the meaning of those words in 1887, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1954 held that such words were of "common usage," "well-defined, well understood and [of] generally accepted meaning." In 1974, however, the same Supreme Judicial Court [different judges] agreed that "these words, standing alone, present[ed] some question as to their meaning." In 1978, the Federal Court of Appeals ruled that the statute as applied to such conduct as fellatio and oral-anal sex committed in 1972 could not be enforced. The same conduct committed after 1972, however, would subject the person to criminal prose-

Confusion and consternation are common among courts trying to come to grips with the problem of "criminal" sex. The issues that these courts have faced range from clarifying legislative language to whether criminal sanctions violate constitutional freedoms of religion, communication, association and/or privacy.

A recent federal decision in Balthazar v. Superior Court demonstrates the courts' difficulties in dealing with the problem of "criminal" sex. The court affirmed the constitutionality of the "unnatural acts" statute. However, it decided that the defendant should be released from confinement because he could not have known in July of 1972, when he committed the acts, that fellatio and oral-anal sex were prohibited under the law.

As the court noted:

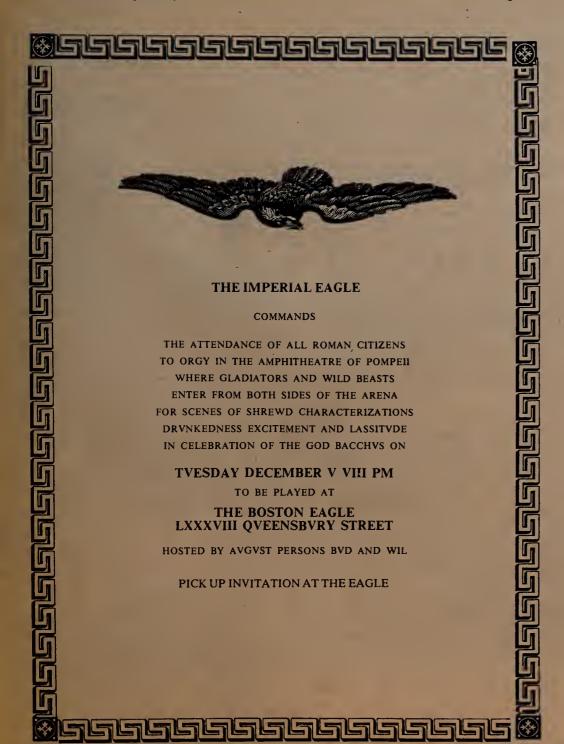
A criminal statute that leaves judge and juror free to decide, without any legally fixed standard, what is prohibited and what is not . . . violates the Constitution."

Six months after Balthazar was arrested and charged with a violation of M.G.L., chapter 272, section 35, the Massachusetts Appeals Court ruled in the case of Commonwealth v. Deschamps that fellatio and cunnilingus were unnatural acts covered by the statute. Commonwealth v. Deschamps was an important decision, primarily because it began the process of narrowing the definition of "unnatural and lascivious" acts. It agreed that from Dec. 29, 1972 on, fellatio and cunnilingus were punishable crimes.

When the Balthazar case came before the Supreme Judicial Court in 1974, the Court used this occasion to announce the broad principle that "private, consensual conduct of adults" is no longer prohibited by the statute. Of course, Balthazar, who was convicted in the lower courts in 1972, had already begun serving his sentence. Balthazar's conviction was upheld, despite the Deschamps decision, because his attorney based his defense on mistaken identity and not consent. In a Continued on Page 13









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Note: The foreskin that covers the head of the penis may trap germs which can cause infections. Therefore, special attention should be given to washing the uncircumcized penis.

With the development of vaccines against gonorrhea and syphilis, personal hygiene remains necessary to prevent other sexually transmitted diseases. For example: a gonorrhea vaccine will not prevent approximately half of the reported cases of male urethritis which are not

Page 3: Some Aspects of Personal Hygiene for Male and Female

Some infectious germs which are commonly found in the lower digestive tract may be transmitted from the rectum during certain sex activities. Also present may be parasites which cause gastro-intestinal disorders if swallowed (anal-oral route).

The mucous membranes of the genitourinary system are highly susceptible to infection by some of these germs from the rectum. For example: As a result of careless cleansing from rectum toward vagina by the female after toilet, germs are easily spread to the vagina where they may cause infections, and from which they may be transmitted during vaginal, as well as rectal, intercourse. Therefore, females must not cleanse in the direction of rectum to vagina.

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Willie Tyson's Affair with Boston

Willie Tyson and Susan Abod

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By Althea

"Coming to Boston is like having one lover you see only once a year. The Boston audience gives me so much energy and love that I always come back here and think, 'Well, there she is!" 'So Willie Tyson opened her concert, speaking to a receptive crowd of over 500. Playing with Tyson was Susan Abod whose excellent work on bass and back-up vocals blended perfectly with Tyson's blues-rag lyrics.

The concert was thoroughly enjoyable, a balance of Tyson's sardonic and witty stories, new satirical songs and some of her more well-known pieces such as "Stealin' Heart," "Debutante Ball," "Lay Me Down," and "Time." It is Tyson herself as entertainer, however, who is most engaging. She seems less self-deprecating and cynical than in the past, though she continues to sing her "abuse songs," with an unabashed flair for jokes at her own expense.

Many of her stories center on her small town (Pahokee, Fla.) upbringing and its effect on her psyche. The gladioli and hibiscus on stage reminded Tyson of her childhood church, where she "learned what a worm" she was. "A large dose of humility can cripple

you for life," she said. "I embraced humility with a passion." Noting that "Jesus was never there when I knocked," Tyson talked seriously, for a moment at least, about the restrictions she felt. "You could never say anything ugly or hateful . . . so you could never say what you were think-

Having escaped all that, Tyson now is certainly open and blunt; her easygoing earnestness and willingness to be "humble" with an audience is part of what makes her so much fun. She shared with us, for example, her selfconscious decision to include "more movin' " on stage. "Before every song now I act like I'm getting ready to do the broad jump," she mocked as she sashayed around with her guitar, assuring us that "believe it or not, it was choreographed that way." Whereupon she did a wonderful parody of a torch singer's erotic movements and introduced a "new lust song," the "kind you'd hear in a '40s jazz club with smoke all in the background . . . almost as if you're waiting for Ingrid Bergman to go by." The chorus of the lust song: "You'd look swell in nothing/Nothing would look swell on you."

Tyson also braved reading some "works in progress" which she dubs "perms," [sic] because "they really aren't poems." The "perms" brought a lot of indulgent laughs.

She sang a new song "Good Old

Boys," which attacks the truck-driving, beer-drinking, wife-beating macho mentality obvious in the South and everywhere else in the world. She called the piece a "chance for us to get out our feelings for these men and others like them." Her newer songs seem less pessimistic and guilt-ridden, and seem to be aimed at a broader spectrum of listeners. For example, "Mommy, Will There Be Muzak in Heaven" ("If heaven's so good why doesn't the devil try to get back in?") is a wry mockery of the shallowness of consumer culture, while "Did You Say Love" is a lament of a disenchanted wife and mother beguiled by the American Marriage myth. Tyson also sang Peggy Seeger's "I Want to Be an Engineer," because she thinks "it's important for people to hear" especially among heterosexual audiences comprised of women who don't yet know about other options.

A highlight of the evening was Susan Abod's imitation of Tyson. She put on a curly wig and gyrated as Tyson rapidly "broadcast" an "anticommercial" for her two albums "Full Count" and "Debutante." "You will be proud to play these records for your friends," Tyson concluded. "Just be sure they are your friends."

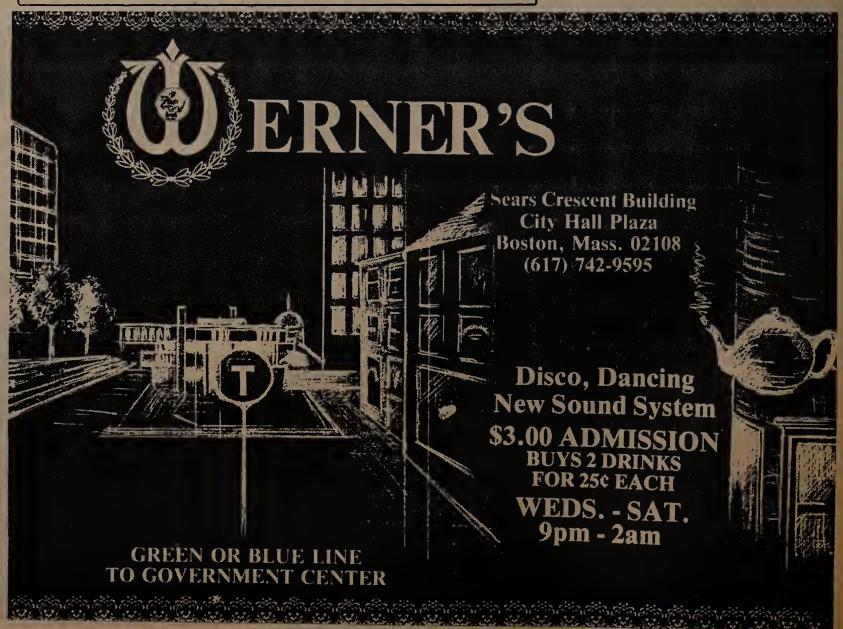
Underlying all of Tyson's humor is a strong commitment to feminism. Her songs are a most genuine union of personal pain and awareness of political oppression.

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footnote, however, the court did point out the desirability of legislative action in this area. It felt that the abolition of criminal statutes against unnatural acts should be left to the legislature.

With his conviction upheld, Balthazar took to the federal courts for relief by way of a writ of habeas corpus — a form of relief available for prisoners confined in violation of their constitutional rights. In 1977, the Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts heard Balthazar's case and decided that the statute was too vague for Balthazar to have known that fellatio was a crime at the time he committed it.

So, despite Balthazar's ultimate victory, in the sense of his winning his freedom, the Massachusetts law prohibiting unnatural and lascivious acts still remains on the books. However, it is limited to acts committed in public. Consensual adult conduct in private is no longer subject to criminal sanctions. To be punishable, a consensual unnatural act must be committed in a public place. The Supreme Judicial

Court ruled last November, in *Commonwealth v. Scagliotti* that the critical consideration and essential elements to be proved in future prosecutions include the public nature of the place and the non-consent of the victim.

Common sense as well as constitutional justice demand that criminal statutes specify clearly what conduct is prohibited. But common sense also asks whether unnatural acts are worthy of punishment and expensive enforcement efforts. What is the purpose of prohibiting sexual conduct which is deviant according to "respectable" persons? The philosophical problem is that what is unnatural to some is not necessarily unnatural to others.

The freedom to love is a civil liberty. It means that mature individuals must have the autonomy to decide how, whether and whom to love. Criminal statutes which impinge upon the liberty to love require the strictest of judicial scrutiny. If the courts do not have the courage to strike down such silly and senseless statutes, then people must call upon the legislature to exercise that uncommon degree of common sense called wisdom.

Little Flags' Political Theater

Mar(X)k On Her Mind

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By Jo Leigh

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The character Billie is portrayed by three women, who together create those internal dialogues and disagreements we all live with. Two Billies enter in and out of the scene. One supports her efforts to be productive, while the other speaks from her fears.

The play touches lightly on everything from the phone company (which is by now a national symbol of the individual vs. the system) to sexual insecurities ("You don't touch my breasts").

There is a glimpse of gay consciousness as Billie fantasizes making Mark jealous — "Whose hair is that?" "Oh, I don't know. Harry, John, Frank . . . Eileen." In another scene she imagines a menage-a-trois with two men and one woman.

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- 5:00pm Non-competitive women's softball game, Magazine Beach (on Charles River near Stop & Shop, 10 blocks south of Central Sq.). 5:30pm — Women's Community Health Center
- open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge. - Lesbian awareness consciousness raising group. BU Women's Center, basement of
- Sherman Union Bldg. 353-4240. 6:30-8pm — Alcoholism discussion/education group for lesbians, 20 Sacramento St., : Cambridge, MA, 661-1316.
- 6:30-8:30pm Gay Health Services by appointment, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston, 267-7573.
- 7pm Gay alcoholics group, 10 Walnut St., Worcester, MA.
- 7:30pm Baltimore Gay Alliance meetings, alternate Mondays, 2133 Maryland Ave.
- 7.9pm Supportive lesbian rap, Janus House, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, (617) 661-2537. 7-9pm — U. of Vermont Gay Switchboard,
- 7-10pm UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438. 7.9pm — Yggdrasii Gay Gathering at Yggdrasii,
 15 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, CT, (203)486-4737.
 7:30pm — UMass Amherst, Bisexuai Women's
- Rap Group, Campus Center. 7:30pm - Lesblan Feminist Union meeting, 55
- Eddy St., Providence, RI. 7:30pm — Homophile Community Health Service - Drinking problems rap group, 80 Boylston St.,
- Rm. 855, Boston. 8pm — Nashua (N.H.) Area Gays rap session; call (603) 654-9268. P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061. 8pm-Monadnock Area Gays, for information call
- Fitzwilliam, NH (603) 585-9419. 8pm - Lesblan Rap Group at the New Haven Women's Liberation Center, 148 Orange St. (203) 436-0645.
- 8pm GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St. 8pm - Lesblan Rap at Women's Center, 148
- Orange St., New Haven, CT. 8pm - Lesbians with Children Support Group, Cambridge Women's Center, 354-8807.
- Gay Alanon (gay alcoholics). Info. 843-5300. 8:30pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group, (203)
- 8:30pm Gay Alliance at Yale, open meeting, basement Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, 436-8945; public welcome.
- 9pm Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald basement, Broadway at 115th St.

- **TUESDAYS**
- 9am-2:30pm Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, Ri, 863-3062.
- 6-8pm Baltimore Gay Health Clinic, 2233 St. Paul St., downstairs. (301) 889-8679.
- 6:30-8pm Women's Gay Collective, Women's Center, UConn, CT. (203)486-4738.
- 7pm to 8pm Rm. 841, Intake Group of the Homophile Alcohol Treatment Service, a program of HCHS. A place to come and find out about alcohol and treatment services.
- 7:30pm Integrity: Gay Episcopalians and their Friends, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208, 547-4676. Meeting every Tuesday at Emmanuel Church, 15
- 8pm Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield. 8pm - Martha's Vineyard gay women and men rap
- group; info call 627-5370. 8pm — DOB women's rap, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA, 661-3633.
- 8:30pm Providence Gay Group of AA, St. Stephen's Church Study, 114 George St., Providence, Rl. (401) 333-1396.

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- 6:30-8pm HATS: Homophile Aicoholic Treatment Service; drop-in center. 80 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 842.
- 6:30-8:30pm Gay Health Services, Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston,
- 7pm MCC/Providence Potluck at Parsonage, rap during and after dinner. Bring and share. (401) 272-9247.
- 7pm Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH 7pm — Liberation Rap Group, (617) 756-0730. 7pm - Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd
- and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 7-10pm — Gay Women's Collective meeting. Storrs, CT. Info: (203) 486-4738.
- 7-10pm Gay Women's Collective, UConn Women's Center, (203) 486-4738 7-9pm — University of Vermont Gay Switchboard, (802) 656-4173.
- 7:30pm MCC mldweek service, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT. 8pm — Discussion group for lesblans and gay
- men, Christ Church, 20 Carroll St., Poughkeepsle, NY. - HUM meets, Box 262, Fitchburg, MA
- 8pm Yalesblans meeting, rm. B-8, Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm St., New Haven, CT, 436-8945. 8-10pm — Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assoc. meeting. 2nd floor, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, 498-2014.
- 8-10pm URI Gay Social Club, 4th floor Group Room, Roosevelt Hall. (401) 792-5954 or Carl

- Gay AA Meeting, men and women. Old West Church (side door), 131 Cambridge St.,
- 8:30pm Gay-straight Rap, UConn, Mental Health Clinic, (203) 486-4705. 9-12pm - Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald
- Basement, Broadway at 115th St. 10:15pm — "Gaybreak Radio" on WMUA-FM (91.1)
- (1st and 3rd Wednesdays). 10:15pm — "Gay News" radio on WHUS-FM, (91.7), Storrs, CT.

THURSDAYS

- 9am-2:30pm Brown U. Gay Lib, 305 Faunce
- House, Providence, RI, 863-3062. 5pm — Brandeis Gay Alliance, Usdan Student Ctr., Conf. Rm. C, Brandeis U., Waltham, MA. 6:30-8pm — Drop-in Center. All are welcome to meet
- members of Gay A.A. Worcester, MA.
- 7pm Game Night, 5 Junction St., Providence, Ri. alternate weeks. 7.10pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline,
- 545-3438. 7:30pm—Daughters of Bilitis. Gay women's rap at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. For more information call
- 7:30pm UConn Gay Alliance meets in the Student Union, Rm. 218, University of Connecticut, Storrs. 7:30pm — Integrity: Gay Episcopalians and their Friends, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208, 546-4676.
- Meeting every Tuesday at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St. 8pm — Baltimore Gay Ailiance, meetings alternate
- 8pm Womenspace coffeehouse and workshop, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT. 8pm — Capital Dist. Gay Comm. Council, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

Thursdays at Baltimore Community Center.

- 8pm Dykes & Tykes, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA, third floor, care for young people, 354-8807.
- 8pm Lesbian Liberation, informal rap group Woman's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Cambridge, 8-9pm — Lesbian Mother rap group, 21 Bay St..

Cambridge, MA, 661-2537.

- 8:15pm Drinking problems rap group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855, Boston.
 8:30pm Gay Women's Caucus, UMass/Amherst, 8th floor of Campus Center.
- 8:30pm Gay Alliance at Yale, Hendrie Hall basement, 436-8945, New Haven, CT.

FRIDAYS

6:30-8pm - Homophile Alcoholic Treatment Services drop-in center. 80 Boylston St., Boston.

- 7-9pm GRAC men's basketball, Lindemann Center, Hurley Bldg., Staniford St., Boston.
- 7:30pm Am Tikva service; social at Frost Lounge, Ell Center, Northeastern Univ., 300 Huntington Ave., Boston. 7:30pm — Rap group for men and women, MGTF,
- 193 Middle St., Portland, ME. 7:30pm — Lesbian Feminist Workshop, 21 Bay St., Cambridge, MA; info call 783-9415.
- 7:30pm Gay get-together, downstairs round-room, Billings Center, U of VT, Burlington.
 8:30pm Berkshire Community Gay Coalition meets at 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA.

Cail (617) 442-9450, M-Th eves.

- SATURDAYS 8pm-12 — Brown U, Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Providence, RI; 863-3062.
- 10pm-3am Worcester Hotline, 791-6562. SUNDAYS
- 740AM with Muffy Wheeler and Joe Martin. (Boston) 11am — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348
- West 14th St., NYC. 1-2:30pm — GRAÇ swimming, Lindemann Cntr, Staniford St., across from Longfellow Towers. 2pm — Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC.
- 2pm MCC/Worcester service, Central Cong. Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester. 2:30pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West
- Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. 4-6pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184. 5pm — Dignity/Integrity Mass, St. Luke's Church,
- 17 S. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, NY.
 5pm MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St., 523-7664. 5:30pm - Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church,
- 5:30pm Dignity service, Arlington St. Church, Boylston St. entrance, Boston. 6:30pm - Gay Church services, 23 Franklin St.,

1105 Boyiston St., Boston.

Center, Burlington, VT.

- Bangor, ME. 7pm - Gay Student Union, U. of Vermont, 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Billings Student
- 7pm Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC. 7pm — MCC services, South Church, 292 State
- St., Portsmouth, NH (first Sunday of month). 7pm MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. (401) 272-9247

7pm - MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner

- of 7th Ave.). 7pm - MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
- 7:30pm MCC worship, 425 College St., New 7:30pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford,
- 8-12pm NH Lambda for lesblans; phone (603) 332-4440.

CALENDA

The deadline for Calendar Items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.

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Boston - A women's rally and march will begin at 12 noon at the Boston Common across from the State House, in a nationprotest against media violence, especially the violence of the rock industry. Sponsored by WAVAW and the Take Back the Night Coalition. All are

Boston - Committee for Gay Youth sponsors an open rap session. 355 Boylston St., 12 noon. All lesblan and gay youth are invited.

26 sun

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) "Dealing with the holiday season " A discussion of the meaning of holidays for gay-people. 9am.

Boston — Boston Unitarian Universalist Gays and Lesbians. 7pm, Clark Room, Ar-lington Street Church. John Cross Esq. will speak on legal problems facing gays

will hold a potluck dinner and movies night. Beginning at 1pm. Call 429-6583 for

27 mon

Cambridge, MA — Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (Quaker) will sponsor an evening of pot luck and worship monthly beginning tonight. For directions and information call Fran at 265-0770 or Eric at 776-6377

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folkdancing, 6:30-9:30pm at Phillips Brooks House, 3rd floor, near the Harvard Yard.

29 wed

Peabody, MA - The Gay Task Force of

Salem State College will be sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner. For directions call 745-0556, ext. 200 or write Gay Task Force, Salem State College, Salem, MA 01970. The Gay Task Force of Salem Is a community organization.

Fitchburg, MA - The Montachusett Gay Alliance will hold a meeting at 8pm. For information and directions call 342-5963.

30 thurs

Boston — Support Group for lesbians over 55. Call Clearspace at 646-8598 for more information.

Baltimore Gay MD Community Center Forum: Administra-tion representatives from Baltimore County Board of Education to discuss issues of concern to the Gay Community. 8pm, 2133 Maryland Ave. For more information call (301) 837-3755.

1 fri

Cambridge, MA - Harvard is having a Gay Disco Dance at the Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. College ID required for admission. \$2 donation suggested.

2 sat

Boston — The Committee for Gay Youth is holding a rap session on the topic of "The Gay Community." 355 Boylston St. 12 noon. All lesbian and gay youth are

Boston — An all-day conference to organize against Ku Klux Klan activity is being sponsored by the Boston Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression. The conference will expose the history of the Klan, Its presence in the Boston area and will outline concrete programs to defeat the Klan in Boston. Held at the Harriet Tubman House (corner of Mass. Ave. and Columbus Ave.) from 11am-4pm. \$2 registrationn fee. For more information call Bonnle Kanter at 734-9681

3 sun

Boston — BUUGL will feature John Kyper on "Up against it at the border." 355 Boylston St., 7pm.

Boston — Dignity/Boston will celebrate its SIxth Anniversary with a liturgy in the main sanctuary of Arlington Street Church, beginning at 5:30pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

semble will give a benefit performance for Ginny Apuzzo at 2 p.m. at the home of Batya Bauman, 315 Riverside Drive, Apt. 6A. For women only. Wine and refreshments. Donation \$10. RSVP (212) 866-6422.

Cambridge, MA — Vivian Fine, the composer-in-residence at Bennington College, will be a featured guest on the New England Women's Symphony's first concert. Held at 8pm in Sanders Theatre, Harvard. For tickets and information call

5 tues

Waltham, MA - Gay Night at Cholmondeley's Coffee House, Brandeis University. Live music, poetry reading, no cover, 9-12pm. For more information call Steve at 891-5978.

6 wed

Cambridge, MA — The Women's Community Health Center will hold an Open House. Introduction and tour of the Health Center begins at 5:30pm. For more information call 547-2302.

Cambridge, MA — Lin Farley will read from her book, Sexual Shakedown: Sexual Harassment of Women on the Job. 8pm at

Amaranth, 134 Hampshire St. All women

Concord, MA — Acappella: an evening of Poetic Notation is the title of a Poetry reading scheduled at the Concord Public Library, 7:30-9:00pm. Richard Ballon shares his work. For further Information

7 thurs

NYC — Patricia Nell Warren will be featured at the West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave. (at 14th St.). 8:30pm.

10 sun

Boston - The Lesbian Task Force of NOW is sponsoring an open house at 2pm, All interested women may attend. For more information call 227-4373.

The Daughters of Bilitls will hold their Tenth Birthday Party at Some-where, 295 Franklin St. 4 p.m.

13 wed

Holliston, MA - Lambda of Middlesex will hold an organizational meeting at 8pm. Call 429-6583 for more information.

16 sat

Cambridge, MA — Christmas Party for Clearspace. A chance to help our community center equip its new home at 485 Mass. Ave. 4th fl. Bring \$3 or office supplies, furniture, decorations, pledge, etc., etc. 8:30pm to 1am.

27 wed

Los Angeles — Men Overcoming Sexism, the 5th Annual National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held at UCLA through Dec. 31. To obtain registration forms and information call (213) 473-4229.

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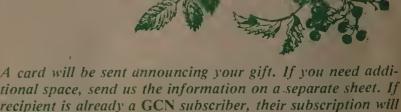
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